



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 14, 2008

Council Office

5:00p.m.

Agenda

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| I. | Executive Session – Litigation | 5:00 p.m. |
| II. | Parking Authority – Abandoned Cars | 5:30 p.m. |
| III. | Formation of the City of Reading LRA | 5:50 p.m. |
| IV. | Graffiti Removal | 6:15 p.m. |
| | New County abatement program | |
| | City abatement program | |
| V. | Agenda Review | 6:30 p.m. |

Reading Parking Authority Memo

To: Reading City Council
From: Lawrence Lee
Executive Director, Reading Parking Authority
Date: Monday April 7, 2008.
Re: Abandoned Vehicles

Background

75 Pa. C.S. 7303.1 states that the abandoned vehicle reports that must be completed - can be completed by a police officer or personnel designated by ordinance.

This section from the PA Vehicle Code allows for personnel designated by ordinance to be empowered to complete the abandoned vehicle reports.

Previous Action Required / Completed

The abandoned vehicle report was completed by the RPD when the Parking Authority utilized Vince's Towing. This was done in compliance with the towing contract between the City and Vince's Towing. The Parking Authority now utilizes KJ Towing for all of our towing needs. The RPD is reluctant to fill out the abandoned vehicle reports for KJ Towing because of the contractual obligations with Vince's Towing.

Review and Recommendation

The Parking Authority recognizes and understands the RPD's reluctance to fill out the abandoned vehicles report. In an effort to ensure no legal conflict, the Parking Authority requests that city council enact an ordinance empowering a badged officer from the Parking Authority to fill out the abandoned vehicles report. This will allow the RPD to complete the abandoned vehicle report in conjunction with their actions with Vince and still allow the Parking Authority to do the same in conjunction with its contracted tower; thus avoiding any legal conflict. The Parking Authority would also become a more active player in removing abandon vehicles from the streets of Reading.

Recommended Motion

Approve an ordinance to empower a badged officer from the Parking Authority to fill out the abandoned vehicle reports.

BILL NO. _____ 2008
AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE EMPOWERING THE READING PARKING AUTHORITY
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE ABANDONDED VEHICLE REPORTS TO ASSIST
THE CITY OF READING WITH ACTIVITIES TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES RELATING TO

**ABANDONDED AND NUISANCE VEHICLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PENNSYLVANIA VEHICLE CODE 75 Pa. C.S. 7303.1.**

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF READING CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Empowering Reading Parking Authority Enforcement Officers to issue abandoned vehicle reports to assist the City in its efforts to enforce all ordinances relating to abandoned and nuisance vehicles in the City of Reading in accordance with the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code 75 Pa. C.S. 7303.1.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or re-passage by City Council over the Mayor’s veto, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter, or as set forth in Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted _____, 2008

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

(Reading Parking Authority & Council Staff)

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Received by the Mayor’s Office: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____